while passing some secret defence documents to an official of the Pakistan High Commission on Saturday the 5th December, 1992;

(b) if so, what action Government has initiated against the two persons involved in espionage; and

(c) what is the number of cases in which passing over of secret military documents to Pakistani officials and sources have been caught during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) An Army Havildar was apprehended while passing on some sensitive information/documents. A case has been registered against him. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

4115. [*Transferred to 18th December, 1992*]

Verma Commission Report

4116. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted by Government for taking action on the report submitted by the Verma Commission of inquiry on Rajiv Gandhi's assassination has since submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is not satisfied with the Verma Commission report; and

(d) what are the reasons for not taking action against those involved in Rajiv Gandhi's assassination, on the basis of Verma Commission report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Action to place the Report of the Commission together with the Memorandum of Action taken before both the Houses of Parliament is being taken.

Opening of woman police stations

4117. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up more woman police stations in four metro cities e.g. Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay to deal with women criminals; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Since 'Police' is a State subject, it is for the State Governments to set up Women Police stations keeping in view local needs and requirements.

With regard to Delhi, there are already a number of Women police cells. There is at present, no proposal to set up more of such cells.

National Foundation for communal harmony

4118. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established a National Foundation for Communal Harmony under the Central Government;

(b) if so, what is the scheme of assistance and aims objective thereof;

(c) in what manner the foundation is proposed to be funded; and

(d) the details of activities of such Foundation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The objectives of the Foundation are to:

(i) Undertake programmes or projects for providing assistance to the children of families affected by communal violence, in particular for their education and/or vocational training;

(ii) Undertake programmes or projects for assisting in the physical and psychological rehabilitation of the children, families or other victims of communal violence, and in their assimilation into the mainstream of society;

(iii) Promote or undertake activities for the promotion of communal harmony and national integration including, but not limited to scholarships, fellowships and studies;

(iv) Promote or undertake activities which will highlight and strengthen the bonds of unity and affinity between different religious and other groups in the country;

(v) Undertake and encourage activities which will promote belief in the principles of non-violence in resolving disputes between different religious and other groups in society;

(vi) Institute awards or rewards for outstanding contributions to the cause of communal harmony and national integration;

(vii) Cooperate with, and secure the cooperation of, the Central Government, State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, industrial and commercial organisations, and non-governmental, voluntary and other organisations and bodies in promoting the objects of the Foundation;

(viii) Provide information services, set up libraries, bring out journals books or other forms of literature to promote the objects of the Foundation;

(ix) Do all such other lawful acts and things as may be necessary or conducive for furthering the objects of the Foundation.

The Foundation provides financial assistance to children affected by communal riots which took place after 24th July, 1991. The assistance is provided for items like textbooks, stationery, food, clothing, health care and recreation. The scale of assistance is Rs. 425 per Month per child for class A and B cities and Rs. 375 per Month per child in other places. The Foundation is funded by the Central Government and by donations from the public.

Variation in the rates of compensation

4119. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFOIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is a large variation in the rate of compensation being paid to the kins of those killed or to those seriously injured by terrorists, in Rail accidents, Air accidents, Road Transport accidents and the like-both at State and National level;

(b) if so, what are the details of the rates of compensation being paids by the Central and State Agencies;

(c) whether Government would consider issuing uniform guidelines for follow up action to avoid discrimination of these rates in the interest of justice with details of action proposed to be taken in this regard, if the variation in rates of compensation are large enough; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is annexed. (*See* below)